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Dear Mr Lucas - I understood untruly from a friend who takes a paper for Ireland - But I am labouring under a heavy cold which disables my thoughts from flowing & so must for ye. I am greatly obliged for the photographs Ever sent of Whittier & L. J. Clarke. I dont care for Jeremiah - but would like Emerson, Cheever, and any other American celebrities. Are Hawthorne & Mrs Follen to be had. Charge me with every Expense for me. Mrs Lucas & her daughter will be very welcome, more than any others as it is much pleasure to send them. My wife and boy are so here-with - We have lately got a photographic album & enjoy it very much. I got a list of about 300 from London but I care for very few of them being peculiar in my taste. Would You send me of yourself along with the ladies. We have Ever in the Lord's Day but would like to see Ever along with the rest of our friends. I very unexpectedly got H. C. Wright Evening days

~~Correct~~ If in the general feeling here that since the settlement of the Texas affair the public mind is unceasingly interested in the successful upshot of your struggle – & I am sure your success would give real satisfaction. But I suppose there is no alternative middle in any war the battles. As to wishing for an opportunity to quarrel with the North it is not the case that such a wish exists for if people wanted to go to war it would be the easiest thing in the world to find occasions. Whatever other nations do I hope the United States Shyl and never forbear from resisting an outrage in this inhuman way.

Richard is thinking of setting up as a miller – a business he is fond of and has given some time to studying.

I find I am quite unable to write more than a few words this time. Yours ever truly

Richd Barker

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